

Title 63. Public Health and Safety**Oklahoma Statutes Citationized****Title 63. Public Health and Safety****Chapter 1 - Oklahoma Public Health Code****Article Article 2 - Local Health Services****Section 1-206 - Functions of Health Departments**

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A. A county department of health, a district department of health, a cooperative department of health, and a city-county department of health shall, in their respective jurisdictions:

1. Maintain programs for disease prevention and control, health education, guidance, maternal and child health, including school health services, health in the working environment, nutrition and other matters affecting the public health;

2. Provide preventive services to the chronically ill and aged;

3. Maintain vital records and statistics;

4. Assist the State **Commissioner of Health** in the performance of official duties, and perform such other acts as may be required by the Commissioner; and

5. Enter into written agreements with the governing body of any municipality or county for the performance of services within the respective jurisdictions and authorities that are necessary and proper pursuant to the authority granted to municipalities and counties by the Constitution and the laws of this state.

B. A county department of health, a district department of health, a cooperative department of health, and a city-county department of health may maintain programs for mental health and day care for children.

C. Nothing contained herein relating to pollution shall be in conflict with the existing jurisdiction of any other state environmental agency.

D. Except as otherwise provided by law, responsibility for the licensing and inspection of nursing facilities and specialized facilities, as defined in the Nursing Home Care Act and for the enforcement of state health and safety standards applicable to such facilities, shall be reserved to the **State Department of Health** and shall be exercised pursuant to the provisions of the Nursing Home Care Act.

E. Except as otherwise provided by law, responsibility for the licensing and inspection of any establishment where food or drink is offered for sale or sold, in accordance with the provisions of Section 1-1118 of this title, and for the enforcement of state health and safety standards applicable to such establishments, shall be reserved to the **State Department of Health**.

Historical Data

Laws 1963, SB 26, c. 325, art. 2, § 206, emerg. eff. July 1, 1963; Amended by Laws 1967, HB 553, c. 260, § 2, emerg. eff. May 8, 1967; Amended by Laws 1993, HB 1002, c. 145, § 303, emerg. eff. July 1, 1993; Amended by Laws 1995, HB 1293, c. 230, § 1, emerg. eff. July 1, 1995; Amended by Laws 1998, SB 986, c. 314, § 9, emerg. eff. July 1, 1998 ([superseded document available](#)).

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